

## HARRY L. MACHEN MADE NATIONAL BANK EXAMINER

Comptroller of Currency Williams Announces the Appointment.

### NEW OFFICIAL IS A WELL-KNOWN BANKER

Financial Leaders and Senators Indorsed Him for \$7,500 Post.

Washington, July 12.—Harry L. Machen, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was today appointed a National Bank Examiner for the Arkansas District. This announcement was made by Comptroller of Currency Williams. Mr. Machen will be able to continue his residence in Cape Girardeau, although his headquarters will be Little Rock.

Harry L. Machen, who is cashier of the Sturdivant Bank, is one of the best known bankers in Missouri, and is regarded as an expert in every department of banking. The announcement from Washington comes as little surprise to his friends here. He made an application for an appointment as Bank Examiner several months ago, and every banker of consequence in Southeast Missouri indorsed him. These facts were given by The Tribune months ago.

Several of the heads of financial institutions in St. Louis also wrote letters to Washington urging the appointment of Mr. Machen. United States Senators Stone and Reed called at the department and recommended the Cape Girardeau man for a position in the Government service.

Mr. Machen was called to Washington several months ago to take examination for Bank Examiner, and when he concluded his work, officials under Comptroller Williams commended Mr. Machen for his excellent showing. He made almost a perfect grading.

Mr. Machen, who is about 35 years of age has been associated with the Sturdivant Bank for almost twenty years. He entered that institution under Col. Sturdivant in the capacity of an office boy and was soon promoted to bookkeeper. He displayed marked ability and was rapidly advanced from one position to another. He has been cashier for a number of years, and has been regarded as one of the most valued officials ever connected with this old bank.

Mr. Machen possesses a pleasing personality and has a host of warm friends in Southeast Missouri.

When a reporter for The Tribune called at the Machen home last night, it was stated that the banker was not in the city. Miss Machen stated that her brother was away on a matter of business and was not expected to return for several days. His destination was not disclosed.

A successor to Mr. Machen will not be chosen for several days, but it will be either W. Palmer Oliver or John Lilly, assistants to Mr. Machen, and both competent and familiar with the work.

The position of cashier of the Sturdivant Bank, it is said, pays \$3,500 per year. Mr. Machen's new post carries a salary of \$7,500 a year with expenses while traveling. Mr. Machen is one of the youngest bankers in the service.

It could not be learned last night whether his district would give him supervision over national banks in this immediate territory or not, but it is said that he will be in charge of only the national banks located along the southernmost part of the State, a part of Illinois and a large section of Arkansas.

### 149 SHIPS TAKE U. S. REGISTRY

Report Made on New Law Admitting Foreign Built Vessels.

Washington, July 13.—Under the law admitting foreign built vessels to American registry 149 ships with a gross tonnage of 527,071 tons were transferred to the United States flag during the fiscal year ending June 30.

Figures announced today by the Department of Commerce show that of this number 99 formerly were in the British merchant marine, 30 in the German and six in the Belgian. One Italian, three Norwegians and four Cuban ships also were transferred.

### WYOMING CLOUDBURST FATAL

New Castle, Wyo., July 13.—The camp of a biological survey party engaged in exterminating prairie dogs near here was swept away last night by a cloudburst.

A man named Diessel is reported drowned.

## ALBERT BLEDEL'S THROAT IS CUT DURING A FIGHT

Lail Willman Held for Fatally Wounding Prominent Kelso Man.

### SHERIFF AND TWO AIDS SUBDUE HIM

Wounded Man Brought to St. Francis Hospital and Life Is Despaired of.

Albert Bleidel, a prominent young man of Kelso, while engaged in a controversy Saturday afternoon with Lail Willman, another well-known resident of that city, received a knife wound in his throat, which will perhaps result fatally.

Witnesses to the occurrence state that Bleidel had spent the day in the country helping thresh wheat, and when he came to town later in the afternoon, he went to the restaurant of his brother, Louis Bleidel, where he procured a bucket in which to buy some beer.

As he walked out the door of the restaurant, Willman is said to have kicked the bucket from his grasp, and when he picked it up, Willman repeated the offense. Bleidel remonstrated with him and warned him not to continue the practice, after which Willman again kicked the bucket and a second later lunged at Bleidel with an open knife. Bleidel avoided the thrust and knocked Willman down, but as he fell he seized Bleidel by the legs and dragged him down also. Willman still retained his knife and as Bleidel fell across him, he thrust the knife deep into his neck and twisted the blade around, forming a deep, jagged wound and severing one of the large blood vessels.

Bleidel struggled to his feet, bleeding so profusely that he was soon helplessly weak from loss of blood. Dr. Henry Rodenmayer was called in at once, and when he discovered that an artery had been severed he held the end closed until Dr. Mayfield could come from Illinois three miles away to assist him in tying up the severed blood vessel. When Dr. Mayfield arrived the injuries were given temporary treatment and the victim was placed in an automobile and hurried to St. Francis' Hospital in this city.

Upon his arrival here with Dr. Rodenmayer, a local surgeon was called who assisted in making the necessary corrections, and there has been but little noticeable change in the condition of the patient since he was brought to the hospital.

Sheriff William Ellis of Benton was called to the scene of the tragedy and Willman was placed under arrest and placed in jail at Benton. He resisted arrest and it required the combined efforts of the Sheriff Marshal Louis Calliatt and two other citizens to subdue him and place him in custody.

Both young men are well known and have always stood well in the community.

Bleidel is the son of John Bleidel, a wealthy retired farmer, who with his family, moved to Kelso several years ago.

Willman is the son of John Willman, a concrete contractor, who with his son, has for the past two years lived with Dr. Rodenmayer, and assisted with the work about the premises where not negated on concrete work.

Yesterday afternoon, Bleidel became restless, and symptoms of infection had developed in his wound. His temperature rose to an alarming height. At a late hour last night his fever had abated and he showed a slight improvement in his condition.

Dr. Rodenmayer returned to Kelso Saturday night, but comes to the city daily to visit the patient.

### PRINCE OSCAR, FIFTH SON OF KAISER, FATHER OF BOY

Princes, to Whom He Was Married Last August, Was Countess Bassewitz-Levetzow.

London, July 12.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Central News transmits a Berlin dispatch announcing the birth of a son to the wife of Prince Oscar, fifth son of Emperor William.

The Prince was married last August to Countess Bassewitz-Levetzow.

### CASHIER OF CLOSED BANK ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING

Elgin, Ill., July 12.—Cashier Wright of the closed Citizens' State Bank of Crystal Lake today was charged with embezzlement.

The warrant was sworn out by State's Attorney Dr. R. Joslyn. Wright was released on \$35,000 bond.

## CAPT. BRIDGES IS BITTEN WHILE TICKLING SNAKE

Cape Girardeau Army Officer at Louisiana Encampment, Called Hero.

### SOLDIERS SEE A BIG REPTILE GRAB HIM

Lawmaker Flips Reptile's Head Off When It Bites His Hand.

Capt. Harry W. Bridges, Cape Girardeau County's lone statesman, who is attending the encampment of the Missouri National Guards at Louisiana, Mo., was bitten by a large black snake yesterday afternoon, while attempting to charm it.

The bite was treated by the company physician, and was pronounced not serious, except that it will prevent Capt. Bridges taking an active interest in the work of the Missouri soldiers.

The National Guards' camping grounds, according to a dispatch to The Tribune, is right in the heart of a snake settlement. Reptiles from the Mississippi River have been driven back some distance from the banks by the high water, and they have marred the work of the soldiers.

Three soldiers from St. Louis were nipped by non-poisonous snakes, but it produced an anti-snake sentiment in the camp, and some of the men were considering the advisability of deserting. Capt. Bridges discouraged such thoughts by relating some of his experiences with reptiles while on fishing trips in the swamps.

"Why, I don't fear them as much as I do bumblebees," said the Captain. "The next snake you fellows see, show him to me and I will demonstrate what the folks down my way do with reptiles."

An hour later about two-thirds of one company swooped down on Capt. Bridges, bearing the message that a real snake had been seen stalking about in the grass within a few paces of the mess room.

"Good! Comrades," shouted the Captain, "Salute your superior and come with me. When I give the command to halt, stop in your tracks and take heed. But be on your guard to give pursuit in the event that the enemy attempts to break through our lines."

With those few remarks Capt. Bridges approached the spot where a large snake had been reported to have assumed a hostile attitude. Balancing himself on one foot and then the other, the Cape Girardeau brushed the tall weeds aside with his liberated limb in order that he might see the reptile as quickly as the snake could cast its banners upon him.

He halted suddenly and beckoned to his men. "Tis he, beware!" the Captain shouted and one-half of his company attempted to back-pedal, but he discovered their plans and ordered the men to charge. The soldiers came to a complete stand in a circle around the snake. The reptile, four feet long, was coiled in the shade of a small buckbrush.

"My fellow countrymen execute reptiles of this variety without the use of guns or clubs," said Capt. Bridges. "I shall tickle this boy under the chin until he loses his temper and then I shall thump his head off with my middle finger."

The uniformed men stood aghast. No one spoke above a whisper, and a dead silence swept over the gathering as Capt. Bridges leaned over and looked the reptile squarely in the face.

"Here's where we lose an officer," said a private as he gasped for breath. "Wow!" howled the Cape Girardeau, "this pesky critter is nibbling on my trigger hand. Send for the ambulance."

A cordon of uniformed men moved back as if they detected the odor of asphyxiating gas.

"Be not afraid, I shall make him pay dearly for this," the officer shouted encouragingly to his men. But in spite of his display of bravery, some of the soldiers rushed out of the weeds to watch the ambulance approach.

Capt. Bridges, with all the courage of Daniel in the lion's den, reached over with his left hand and seized the snake by the tail. Then he pulled the snake from his right hand. With the sleeve of his flannel shirt stained crimson, he swung the reptile about his head and snapped it as a cowboy would a cattle whip.

The snake was dead. Its head has been "popped" off. The Cape Girardeau officer emerged from the weeds a hero. Theodore Roosevelt's march up San Juan did not leave a more favorable impression on his men than Capt. Bridges' act did upon the guards.

## OFFICER GROCE FIRES AT NEGRO WHO STONED HIM

Thinks One Bullet Punctured Black Who Escaped Down Alley.

### AFRICAN TRIED TO STAB NEGRO PORTER

Throws Rocks at Policeman When Officer Plans To Arrest Him.

Policeman John Groce, in an endeavor to arrest Dewitt Lane, a negro who had been engaged in a disturbance on the street, fired two shots at the fugitive as he fled down the alley between Sprigg and Frederick streets, on Good Hope, at 10 o'clock last night.

Lane had become noisy while in Frank Schwartz's saloon and when Silas Shepherd, the negro porter, asked him to be quiet, he grew angry and it became necessary to eject him from the premises. When he reached the street, he is said to have struck at Shepherd with his knife, but Shepherd dodged the blow and in retaliation struck Lane on the jaw and knocked him down.

When he arose he saw the policeman approaching and started to run. When he reached the mouth of the alley, across the street, he picked up two stones and threw them at the officer, after which he darted into the alley.

Groce pursued him and when he reached the alley fired two shots at the fleeing figure, but failed to stop his flight.

The officer stated that he fired low both times for fear that there might be someone walking through the alley ahead of the negro, but he tried to shoot the negro in the leg, and that he could not help but believe that one of the shots went true to the mark.

Lane is no old offender and is well known to the police in this city. He was found several months ago in a deserted house near the old fairgrounds, almost dead from knife wounds he had received in a fight over a dice game. He had been slashed in numerous places and when found, it was not believed that he could recover.

He is the same negro who figured as a witness in the murder that occurred on Good Hope street at the Houck crossing, several months ago. Lane claimed to have witnessed the shooting and swore positively that Curly Smith, another negro had killed the white man who was found with an open knife lying under him, on the east side of the culvert.

### FORMER BULGARIAN MINISTER HELD IN BOMB CONSPIRACY

Several Killed and 10 Wounded in Attempt to Blow Up Casino at Sofia.

Rome, July 13.—A man named Pop and three accomplices have been condemned to death at Sofia for complicity in an attempt to destroy the municipal Casino at Sofia, according to a dispatch to the Messagero from Bucharest.

M. Ghenadieff, former Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, says the dispatch, also has been arrested, charged with being an accessory. It is alleged that he gave \$2000 to Pop. The arrest of the former Minister, which was made at the request of the Government, is said to have produced a profound impression at Sofia.

Several persons were killed and 10 wounded, including a daughter of Gen. Fitchett, the Bulgarian Minister of War, when a bomb was thrown on the Casino in Sofia at 1 o'clock in the morning of Feb. 14, during a gala performance.

### ACQUITTED OF CHILD MURDER

Springfield, Mo., July 9.—Lester Montgomery, accused of killing the young child of Katie Freedle, 20-year-old high school girl of Greenfield, Mo., was acquitted by a jury in the Dade County Circuit Court this afternoon. The child was found with its throat cut in a neighbor's yard the day after its birth, last summer.

### DALLAS' CONVENTION OFFER

\$100,000 Cash for 1916 Democratic National Gathering.

New York, July 13.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has received from Dallas, Tex., an offer of \$100,000 as a cash contribution to the National Democratic Committee should the 1916 convention be held in that city.

Dallas also pledged a coliseum seating 25,000 persons and adequate accommodations.

## VANDUSER FARM EXPERT MISSING MORE THAN WEEK

Friends of William Jolly Fear He Has Met With Foul Play.

### MATTHEWS' EMPLOYEE'S ABSENCE IS MYSTERY

Business Affairs Are in Good Condition—Robbers Blamed by Friends.

William Jolly, a prominent citizen of Vanduser, is reported to have disappeared from his home on July 3, since which time his whereabouts have remained a mystery to his family and friends.

Jolly was employed as a farm superintendent for the firm of C. and A. J. Matthews, large land owners in the vicinity of Vanduser, and on the day of his disappearance he stated that he expected to go to one of the farms some distance away to inspect some improvements that had recently been installed. He left his house a few minutes later and has not since been seen.

His wife felt no uneasiness when he failed to appear at noon, as he was often kept away by unexpected business matters, but when night came and she heard nothing from him, she felt certain that something was wrong.

She called his employers by telephone, but neither of them could give her any information concerning his movements during the day as neither had seen him or been in communication with him.

When he failed to appear during the night an investigation was begun the next morning, but so far no satisfactory results have been obtained. No trace of him has been found and no one has been able to offer a suggestion that will help to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

No plausible theory can be advanced for his leaving, as his business affairs are said to be in good condition and his family relations were ideal.

While Mr. Jolly is not known to have had an enemy in the community, it is feared that he has met with foul play, perhaps for the purpose of robbery.

### BRITISH GOVERNMENT TAKES HAND IN WELSH COAL STRIKE

Will Apply Munitions of War Act Enforcing Compulsory Arbitration—42,000 Men Affected.

London, July 13.—The British Government has decided to apply the munitions of war act to the South Wales coal strike on the ground that the strike is prejudicial to the transport, production and supply of munitions of war.

A British official proclamation will be issued in the course of the day, making it an offense to take part in a coal strike.

The fact that the Government had reached its decision was announced today in the House of Commons by Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade. This action by the Government would immediately put into force compulsory arbitration and make every striker liable to a fine of \$15 daily.

A special conference of the South Wales Miners' Federation had passed a resolution announcing that unless the mine owners granted the full demands of the men for a new wage agreement, they would quit work Thursday. The decision affected 42,000 miners.

### LAWSON DENIED RETRIAL BY COLORADO HIGH COURT

Denver, July 12.—The Supreme Court of Colorado today denied a new trial to John R. Lawson, the Colorado labor leader, convicted of participating in the strike riots which resulted in the death of a mine guard and the wounding of many persons.

Lawson was sentenced to life imprisonment. Judge Granby Hilmyer sentenced Lawson to the State Penitentiary for life. He was immediately taken into custody. He had been at liberty on bail. His attorney will appeal to the Supreme Court.

### BEARDS FOIL MOSQUITOES

Kansas Farmers Letting Their Hair Grow as Anti-Insect Armor.

Kansas City, Mo., July 12.—Kansas farmers have returned temporarily to the fashion of long hair and long beards to prevent mosquitoes interfering with harvesting.

The farmers say the insects are unable to bother them when faces and necks are protected with long hair.

## BUTCHERED COW ALMOST KILLS NEGRO WOMAN

Mary Flake, Working Windlass, Is Knocked Down and Badly Hurt.

### MEAT HOOK PIERCES NOSTRIL OF NEGRESS

Was Assisting Butcher for Scraps of Meat—Senseless For an hour.

Mary Flake, commonly known as "Midnight," a negro woman living near the old fairgrounds was seriously hurt yesterday afternoon while assisting Tony Schaaf and his helper to butcher a beef.

Mary held hold of the windlass by which the carcass was raised from the floor of the slaughter house, and when Tony gave orders to raise the beef, Mary began turning. The load was a heavy one and the process of hoisting became burdensome. Mr. Schaaf stood beneath the slowly ascending carcass and shouted orders. The strain became too great for Mary and her hold suddenly relinquished, permitting the windlass to fly back with great force.

On the first backward revolution, Mary was struck on the point of the chin and an instant later the handle struck her body and flung her high against the wall on the opposite side of building. She was thrown against some meat hooks and one of them pierced her nostril and tore through the flesh, permitting her to drop to the floor limp and unconscious.

She was senseless for more than a half hour, and was finally revived by the application of cold water to her face. Her grandchildren hurried to the homes of neighbors a short distance away, who came and helped to take the injured woman to her home.

Mr. Schaaf stated that Mary often comes over to the slaughter house and assisted him and his helper in butchering for the scraps of meat that they give her. On this occasion, he stated, that she had come as usual to help, but that when he gave the orders to hoist, he was under the impression that the young man had hold of the windlass crank.

He, himself, narrowly averted injury when the body of the beef came near falling upon him.

### REPORT ON U. S. ARMY POLICY TO BE READY IN AUGUST

Secretary Garrison and the Board in Charge to Go Over the Work Next Wednesday Night.

Washington, July 13.—The expectation is that the report of the board of army officers working out a military policy to be submitted to Congress probably will be complete early next month. This will give Secretary Garrison plenty of time to prepare his estimate by October and in time for a special session of Congress, should one be called for that month.

A general review of the work thus far accomplished will be made Wednesday night by the board when Secretary Garrison will be present.

The board is composed of Brig. Gens. Scott, chief of staff; Bliss, his associate; Macomb, president of the War College; Crowder, Judge Advocate General, and several officers from the War College.

### CEMENT PLANT IS AGAIN RUNNING ON FULL TIME

For First Time in Weeks Night Force Is at Work—More than 150 Men Employed.

Fred Gable, one of the superintendents at the local cement plant, last night stated that the factory has again resumed operations and is running to its full capacity. Mr. Gable said that last night, for the first time in weeks, the full night shift had been set to work.

He estimates that under existing conditions, about 150 men are given employment in the manufacture of cement at the local mills.

### GERMAN TRIPLANES GIANTS

London, July 13.—The German Army Craft Department has just completed six giant aeroplanes of a new type, according to the Daily Mail's Basel correspondent.

The new machines will carry 20 men each. They are of a triplane type, mount four machine guns and have eight motors and four propellers.

Miss Helen Anderson of Charleston returned to her home yesterday after visiting for a few weeks in this city with Miss Anice Green.

## FARMER IS RUN DOWN BY FRISCO NEAR ST. MARY'S

Ben Goelker is Supposed to Have Fallen Asleep on Track Near City.

### BODY IS MANGLED BEYOND RECOGNITION

Identification Is Made by Papers in Pockets—Widow Is Notified.

Ben Goelker, a prominent farmer living 9 miles from St. Mary's, was killed by a Frisco passenger train as it drew up to the depot in St. Mary's at 11:50 o'clock last night.

Goelker had been in town during the afternoon and had stated that he was waiting until the arrival of the train last night as he expected some machine repairs by express.

A few minutes before the arrival of the train he was seen walking in the direction of the depot, and nothing further was seen of him until his mutilated body was dragged from beneath the wheels of the locomotive.

Engineer Meidroth stated that Goelker must certainly have been lying on the track as he saw nothing of him until the engine struck him, and he felt sure that he would have seen the man if he had been standing on the track.

The body was found at what is known as North Switch, but a short distance from the depot. Conductor Robert Phillipson discovered the body lying under the engine, and with the assistance of the porter succeeded in lifting it out to the side of the roadbed.

But little more than the trunk remained as both legs were missing, and his head and one arm were also gone. He was identified by his hat and shoes and from articles that were found in his pockets. His body was so badly mangled that it could not otherwise have been identified.

Goelker was 45 years of age. He was married and had two children. A messenger was sent to the country to notify the wife of her husband's fate.

Coroner Hamilt was communicated with at St. Genevieve at 12:15 this morning and he requested that the body be removed from the track and looked after until his arrival in St. Mary's this forenoon.

The section men are caring for the body until the arrival of the Coroner or relatives.

### FAIL TO FIND "PEARCE," WRITER OF BOMB WARNINGS

One of the Ships Which He Declared to Be in Danger Reports All Well.

New Orleans, July 13.—So far efforts of the police to find "Pearce," the mysterious letter writer, who says he placed bombs aboard the British steamer Baron Napier and Howth Head, which left here July 8, have been unsuccessful. Capt. Goudy of the Baron Napier has reported a search of the vessel failed to disclose any bombs.

The Howth Head, which is not equipped for radio communication, was expected to put into Norfolk today for coal. Detectives and special police are guarding all British vessels in port.

Two more letters signed "Pearce," in which the writer threatens disaster to British merchant and mule ships, one to an afternoon newspaper and the other to the Chief of Police. In both the writer demanded the release of Hans Haller, held in connection with receipt of a similar letter by the New Orleans Times-Picayune Sunday night. The phrasing of the letters leads some to believe that the writer was imitating the style of the writer of the one received Sunday night.

### ROOSEVELT, ON WAY TO FAIR, REFUSES TO TALK POLITICS

Chicago, July 12.—Enroute to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, Col. Roosevelt are due in Chicago about 5 o'clock this afternoon. They will leave at 7 o'clock for the Coast via St. Paul. Although the former President announced when he left New York that he would not talk or think politics during his trip, Progressive leaders this afternoon planned an informal reception for him at the station.

### LIGHTNING KILLS MISSOURIANS

Kansas City, Mo., July 12.—A heavy rain and wind storm prevailed in Northwestern Missouri and Eastern Kansas early today, doing considerable damage. St. Joseph reported three inches of rain. At Concordia, Mo., two men were killed and a third injured by lightning.